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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Monday September 4th. to Wedneſday September 6th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *I Was brought up to the* Church of England *from my Youth, but was put an Apprentice to an* Independent *Maſter, who Obliges me (much againſt my Will) to go with him to Inform me, whether he can force me to Meetings. Pray, to go with him, and you will Oblige,*

Your Servant and Subſcriber,

W——m E———n.

A. He has no ſuch Power over you as he aſſumes, and your Diſobedience to him in this Reſpect is not only Lawful but neceſſary. You have more Power to Oblige him to accompany you to the Church, than he you to the Meeting.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire to be informed how thoſe of the Reformed Religion in* France *came firſt to be called* Hugonots.

A. The Occaſion of the Appellation is variouſly reported by Authors. But *Davila*, an Hiſtorian of good Credit and who Lived in the Times that the Reformation begun in *France*, ſays, that thoſe of this Perſuaſion were called by the Common People *Hugonots*, becauſe of their Aſſembling Privately in Cellars near *Hugo's* Gate in the City of *Tours*, where this Religion was Firſt Preached.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire you to give me the* Algebraical *Solution of the following* Geometrical *Problem, which you may do intelligibly enough without a Scheme, viz. To find the Hypotenuſe of a Rectangular Triangle, whoſe Area and Summ of all the three Sides are given.*

A. Let the Area be aa, half the Summ of the Sides b, and the Hypotenuſe x; then will the Summ of the Baſe and Perpendicular be $2b-x$. And becauſe xx will be equal to the Squares of the Baſe and Perpendicular ſeparately conſidered, and $4aa$ equal to the Rectangle of the Baſe by twice the Perpendicular, therefore $xx+4aa$ will be equal to the Square of $2b-x$, that is, $xx+4aa=4bb-4bx+xx$. Which Equation being orderly reduced $x=b-\frac{aa}{b}$. The Arithmetical Rule reſulting from which is this; Divide the given Area by half the Summ of the three Sides, and Subtract the Quotient from the ſaid half Summ of the Sides, the Remainder will be the Hypotenuſe.

Q. Gentlemen, *There is a great diſpute among Philoſophers concerning the Humming of* Bees. *Some ſay it proceeds from the whole Body, ſome from the Mouth, others from Wings of the Fly. Grea* Apollo, *be pleaſed to determine the matter. And you will Infinitely Oblige one hath that been your Subſcriber ever ſince the beginning of your Undertaking, and is,*

Your Admirer, SEASHELL.

A. Any one may obſerve that Bees make no Noiſe, but either in Flying, or in Spreading out their Wings with a Tremulous Motion So that *Ariſtotle* was (in our Opinion) in the Right in aſſerting, that the Air which gets between the Body and the Wings, and which thereby ſuffers ſuch a quick Vibrating Motion, is the only Cauſe of the Humming of Bees: And *Heſychius* and other *Zoographers* in diſputing this Point with him, argued contrary to manifeſt Experience.

Q. Gentlemen, *If a Man was Condemned to be Hang'd and being brought to Execution, a Woman prefer to Marry him under the Gallows, which they ſay will Save. Now, if he knows this Woman to be of the Royal-Society of* Covent-Garden *Night-Walkers, and one of the Tribe of* Billings-Gate *Oyſter Women, which Courſe had he beſt take; Marry the Woman and ſo by conſequence be a Cuckold, and allways in Tempeſts? or Hang'd out Right?*

Yours, J. N.

A. If the Man be a True Penitent, then we think *Hanging* ſufficient Juſtice towards him; but if he remains a hard'ned Reprobate under his Sentence, we think it is Pity but he ſhou'd have ſuch a Wife.

Q. Moſt Ingenious *and* Judicious Gentlemen, *I have been your Subſcriber a long time, and never ſent*

you a Queſtion before. Therefore, I deſire you to Solve me the following Queſtion, the Reaſon why that Famous Painter Zirus *Painted* Cupid *in a Green Robe.* *Yours*, C. T.

A. Becauſe he levels his Darts Principally at the Spring of Youth, and when he ſhews his Power in making Aged People to Doat, they may be properly ſaid, to become Children again.

Q. Gentlemen, *Being in Company where there aroſe a Diſcourſe concerning the Moon, it was affirmed by ſome Preſent, that this Preſent Moon from its Full to its Laſt Quarter, Riſes exactly at the ſame Hour every Evening. If you allow this to be Fact, I deſire to know the Reaſon of it.*

Your Unknown Friend, W. G.

A. The Country People call this the Hunters-Moon, and amongſt them this Groundleſs Conceit paſſes for an undeniable Truth. This is a plain Inſtance of the Power of Prejudice: It can make that paſs for true amongſt Ignorant People of the Falſity of which they may be eaſily convinced by their own Experience, if Experience cou'd convince them. In like Manner it is aſſerted that the Sun Dances upon *Eaſter-Day*. This Notion has paſſed from Father to Son for ſome Generations, and thoſe that aſpire to no higher Knowledg than what they Learned from their Grand-Mother are not to be convinced of the contrary. By the Help of theſe Traditionary Optics they can then ſenſibly percieve a Tremulous Motion in the Sun's Body, which the moſt acute Aſtronomers cou'd never yet diſcern. Such Eſtablished Errors if Senſe cannot, it is plain, Reaſon will never be able to Confute.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, Anſwer me theſe following Queſtions, whether Tame Rabbets may not be as Good and as Wholſome Food as the Wild, and carry as Good a Coat, provided they are kept in a Lock-houſe, having the advantage of a Rockey or Haſſucky ſort of Ground to Breed in, and a Wholſome Air to Breath in, with variety of Sweet and Wholſome Food, ſuch as their Nature Requires, free from the Stench of their own Dung. Query, Whether ſuch Rabbets will not Deceive the Niceſt of Palates, and whether their Colour add any thing to the Goodneſs or Colour of the Fleſh; I have alſo obſerved that Tame Rabbets are cover'd with Fat as well without as within, whereas the Wild one's are ſeldom or never Fat but within-ſide; Pray, your Reaſon for that, and why the Tame Rabbets ſhould be moſt Fruitful. I alſo deſire your Opinion, concerning that little Animal, call'd a* Guinea *Pig, why it ſhould not be fit to Eat, ſince it Feeds on the ſame as Coneys, and in* Johnſton's *Natural Hiſtory goes by the Name of a* Spaniſh *Coney; having been Eaten by the* Spaniards, *Your ſpeedy Anſwer will greatly Oblige,*

Your moſt Humble Servant,
PHILOMATH.

A. Rabbets may be much Improved by the Methods you Propoſe, eſpecially after ſeveral Generations of 'em ſo ordered; but we believe never ſo as to decieve a Nice Pallate, ſince we find ſo great difference in the Wild ones, according to the ſeveral Soils they Breed in: Thoſe on the Downs which Feed on Matter of Time far exceeding thoſe in Lower Ground; and thoſe of *Aubourn-Chace*, are preferr'd to all on other Downs. Their being cover'd with Fat, we ſuppoſe to be occaſioned by their being Pent up, one Method taken to Fatten other Creatures, to which their Fruitfulneſs (being alſo Plentifully Fed) may be partly owing; ſince it hath been prov'd, that the more Liberty thoſe Tame ones have, the leſs Fruitful they grow. As to their Colour, it no ways Affects the Goodneſs of their Fleſh. *Guinea* Pigs are frequently Eaten, and in Taſt come near that of a Coney.

Q. *Pray*, Gentlemen, *why is it, that Enjoyment, as is juſtly obſerved by the Author of the* New Atalantis, *ſo commonly proves the Death of Love in Mankind; and on the contrary, gives Birth to new Fondneſs and Doating Extaſies in the Women.*

A. Some Allowance muſt be given for the Partiality of a Female Author to her own Sex; yet granting the Matter as laid down, themſelves prove too often the occaſion of what appears a Fault in us, ſince too often they hold the Siege to long, that we Spend great part of our ſtock of Love, before we can Awaken that Paſſion in them: And tho' their Politics in their Reſervedneſs may hold ſo far good as to ſecure us more Abſolutely their Slaves during Courtſhip, yet they may be Erroneous in the Conſequence, by raiſing our Expectations beyond what is in Nature to Anſwer them; which when diſcover'd no wonder if our Paſſions Languiſh under the Diſappointment: On the other Hand, our Services being not only freely offered to the Ladies, but their Acceptance of 'em alſo Preſſed, they muſt appear Cheap in their Eyes, till they come to know the Value of 'em, and then they break out into Fondneſs and Doating Extaſies.

POEMS.

APOLLO,

Q. MY Brains if I've any
Tho' I'm certain not many,
Were always to Projects inclin'd;
And tho' I take care,
All I can to forbear,
No other concerns can I Mind.

Divers Fancies I've had,
Some not very Bad,
But never cou'd meet with Succeſs;
And yet for all this,
Tho' always they miſs,
My Zeal for 'em will not be leſs.

At length I have thought,
And to Perfection brought,
A Project will certainly take;
If APOLLO *will joyn,*
To Bleſs the Deſign,
'Twill proſper I know for his Sake.

You know that the Town,
Stark Mad now is grown,
After Lotteries *every where;*
While Cits *in their Shops,*
Stand like Poſts, for their Props,
Except they come in for a ſhare.

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Here

Here Land and Old Houſes,
There Gowns for your Spouſes;
In another Place ſtand Apple-Dumplins;
There, Plate Rich and Fine,
Does Glorioufly Shine,
There Ginger-Bread Babies and Crumplins.

Scarfs Furbelow'd Rich,
Paints for an Old Witch,
Topknots in ſome Hundreds of Places;
Pictures of all Prizes,
And Gloves of all Sizes,
Japan, China, Silk and Thread Laces.

But what I'd Propoſe,
Are far beyond thoſe,
Being Jewels moſt eagerly Sought,
And often are Sold,
For vaſt Sums of Gold,
Nor never to Dear can be Bought.

A Lottery *this,*
Of Maiden-heads *is,*
Ten Guineas a Ticket and Cheap;
Since who miſs the Treaſure,
In Prize yet ſome Pleaſure,
In Imagination will Reap.

Now ſay, Sir, APOLLO,
(Whoſe Council I'll follow)
If you think I ſhall Cuſtomers lack;
And if you'll aſſiſt,
To Publiſh my Liſt,
Your ſelf ſhall come in for a Snack.

A. Such a Project as this,
Cann't certainly miſs,
Of bringing Adventurers in;
Tho' they who ha'n't Prizes,
May Sneak off like Nizies,
They all muſt be pleaſed, who Win.

Of *Fops*, a great Croud,
Who Speak Big and Loud,
Of Conqueſts they eaſily get;
Yet if they'd Confeſs,
The Truth, nothing leſs,
We ſhou'd find, than ſuch Prizes they've met.

Of *Courtiers* too,
You'll have not a few,
Who when with Love-Powder they're laden;
Will boldly let fly,
Tho' often they Ply,
A *Fireſhip*, inſtead of a *Maiden*.

Some Feeble Old *Beaux*,
Will come among thoſe,
Well-read in the Flights of Love-Jargon;
Tho' when they have got,
A Prize for their Lot,
Know not what to do with their Bargain.

Lawy'r's Clerks a great Number,
And *City Shop Lumber*,
Will come, who have often, when Drunk;
In Gay Airy Flights,
In the Middle of Nights,
For a *Maiden*, miſtaken a *Punk*.

But what we moſt Fear,
Will ſtop the Career,
And Cancel your hopes of Succeſs,
And thoſe who are bold,
For Vent'ring their Gold,
Detain 'em from making Addreſs.

As Houſes of Late,
Condemn'd to the Fate,
Of *Lottery*, have been Detected,
To be Mortgag'd before,
Or Sold o'er, and o'er,
And thence the Propoſals rejected.

So ſhou'd it appear,
That matters ar'n't clear,
And Incumbrances happen to riſe;
Or ſome Jilted Lover,
Intrigues ſhou'd diſcover,
May throw off the Virgin Diſguiſe.

The Prizes all Blanks
Might prove, and no Thanks,
To your ſelves, except means you can find.
Which way to Secure,
The Teſt they'll endure,
And Anſwer the Uſes deſign'd.

And we can diſplay,
For this but one way,
That ſome may moſt Solemnly give;
Their *Oaths*, that they are,
Clear, Unſulli'd Ware,
And *ſuch* as the World will believe.

Q. *Since Women's Bodies were deriv'd at Firſt*
From Man, why are they now the Faireſt Duſt?

A. The *Purer Particles* Extracted were
By *Heav'ns Alimbeck*, and from thence more *Fair.*

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SIR,

SIR,

THE Letters from the Camp before *Aire*, *September* the 8th Advise, That on Saturday the 6th Instant, the Troops appointed to make the Siege of Aire and St. Venant Invested those Places; That the Prince of Anhalt has the Command of the former, with 40 Battalions, and the like Number of Squadrons, Commanded by the Earl of Albemarle. Twenty Battalions and all the Horse have taken Post on the Flanders side of the Lys, and the other 20 Battallions on the side of Artois; And the Prince of Nassau-Frieze with 20 Battalions and 5 Squadrons Commands the Siege of St. Venant. A great Convoy of Boats laden with heavy Artillery and Ammunitions for the Sieges set out this Morning from Menin, under a Guard of several Battalions from the Neighbouring Garrisons, and 1500 Horse from the Army; They are to come up the Lys as far as Marville, and as soon as they arrive we shall begin to break Ground. The Quarter-Masters of the Army are gone to mark a Field of Battle, with the Right at Estree Blanche, and the Left on the Eminence near Lille, and to Morrow they will do the like on the side of St. Omer; That Yesterday our Forage Guard met with a Party of the Enemy from St. Omer, of whom they Killed 18, and brought in 36 Prisoners; That by Letters from the Camp before *Aire*, of the 5th, Preparations were making, with all possible Diligence for beginning the Siege of that Place, and S Venant; That 300 Waggons to be Employ'd in this Service, are demanded of the Province of Flanders; That the Army which covers the Sieges of Aire and St. Venant extends with their Right to Teroüenne and the Left to Lille. That the Duke of Marlborough has his Quarters at the Cloister of St. Andre, and Prince Eugene in the Castle of Biesli. That the Marshal de Villars remains still behind his Lines. That the Count Bergeick passed two Days ago through this Neighbourhood, on his way to Namur, who is to proceed shortly from thence to Mons, according to the desire of the States-General, in order to discharge the Debts for which he was left as Hostage at the Capitulation of that City. Which is all from, &c.

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